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SUBJECT: RESEARCH CLEARANCE HERO CRUISE 76-5

REF: NSF POLAR 63

1. DIPLOMATIC NOTE 09184, DATED JUNE 4, 1976, FROM THE CHILEAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS GRANTED PERMISSION FOR THE RESEARCH VESSEL HERO TO CONDUCT OCEANOGRAPHIC INVESTIGATIONS ALONG "INDICATED AREAS" OF THE COASTLINE BETWEEN PUERTO MONTT AND TALCAHUANO, ("INDICATED AREAS" WERE IDENTIFIED VIA A COPY OF THE HERO CRUISE TRACK ATTACHED TO US EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC NOTE 105 WHICH ORIGINALLY REQUESTED CLEARANCE FOR THE CRUISE.) SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL OF THE CLEARANCE FOR CERTAIN AREAS WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHILEAN NAVY.

2. IN ANSWER TO OUR INQUIRY INTO THE MATTER, CHILEAN NAVY LT. COMMANDER LEONARDO PRIETO VIDAL ADVISED US ON 12 JULY THAT THE CHILEAN NAVY AND NOT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS REGARDING CHILE'S COASTAL WATERS. PRIETO ADDED THAT OUR REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY THOSE CANALS MARKED RESTRICTED; THEREFORE, THE CLEARANCE GRANTED DID NOT IMPLY PERMISSION TO ENTER RESTRICTED AREAS.

3. EMBASSY HAS ASKED THAT THE CHILEAN NAVY REVIEW THE MATTER AND ADVISE US WHETHER THE BAN APPLIES ONLY IN THIS ONE INSTANCE OR WHETHER IT HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR NSF POLAR'S LONG-RANGE PLANS FOR
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INVESTIGATION IN THESE RESTRICTED AREAS. LT COMMANDER PRIETO

ADVISED US ON JULY 26 THAT THE MATTER WAS UNDER STUDY BY THE
OFFICE OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AND A RULING WOULD SOON BE FORTHCOMING.
NSF POLAR WILL BE APPRISED OF THAT RULING AS SOON AS IT BECOMES
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